IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

June 21, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WESTCOTT made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Luce, report:

The petioner, being Indian agent in Arkansas, became, in the exercise of his official duties, involved in a quarrel with an Indian trader, named Gillespie, and, being assailed by him, in self-defence, killed him; for which homicide he was indicted and acquitted, and he asks to be reimbursed his costs, counsel fees, and other expenses of the trial.

The committee deem the claim inadmissible, and, therefore,

report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John B. Luce should not be granted.